

# GODHEAD COURSE

## Lesson 2

### Is God a Mystery?

When discussing the Godhead, the opinion of many is that ‘it is a mystery and you can’t know it. It only creates confusion and division in the church over a mystery that can’t possibly be understood. One cannot explain creation let alone the Godhead.’

That is a faulty foundation on which to base a discussion.

Nowhere in scripture are we told that the identity of the God we worship is a mystery. This is a false assumption that is taken for granted by many Christians. The bible talks about mysteries, but never in relation to the identity of God.

As a matter of fact, the bible tells us that Jesus came to declare the Father:

*“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18*

Do not miss this point, Jesus is clearly stating that out of all humanity, He is the only one who has seen and known the Father. This makes Him the only being capable of revealing, or declaring God to man.

John wrote the letter many years after the cross, and after Jesus’ work on earth was completed. He was writing from an informed point of view; from a personal experience he had with Jesus.

If John lived in an era during which believers did not know who God was or if he believed God to be a mystery, he could not have penned those words; he could not have written that Jesus had declared, revealed and made known the Father to us.

Notice what he writes in his first letter:

*“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” 1 John 5:20*

John included himself in this group of people. He wrote “*we know*”. What did John know?

He knew:

1. That Jesus, the Messiah who came, is the Son of God
2. That Jesus has given us an understanding, or a revelation in order that we may know him that is true.

Who is John discussing? Reading on, it is clear that John is saying “*we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ*”. The “*him who is true*” is the Father of Jesus Christ!

In his second letter he wrote:

*“Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, **the Son of the Father**, in truth and love.” 2 John 1:3*

John is saying, Jesus has given me and all the believers an understanding that we might know God, the Father of Jesus Christ. That we might know who God is and what God is like. That we might have a relationship with God.

Looking at this verse again:

*“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18*

Having walked with Jesus for 3.5 years, hearing all that Jesus taught and having experienced it himself, John confidently said that Jesus has declared, revealed and made God known to us.

When Christians say we cannot know who God is and that the identity of God is a mystery, then they are saying that Jesus failed in His mission to reveal God to them.

One cannot study the writings of John and arrive at a totally opposite understanding than he had. If John said:

1. Jesus declared God to us (Joh 1:18)
2. Jesus has given us an understanding that we might know God. (1 Joh 5:20)

One cannot read those words and conclude that God is a mystery and that we cannot know who He is. Either John was deluded or we have failed to study the scriptures properly.

It was John who penned the prayer of Jesus in John 17.

*“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3*

According to Jesus, eternal life is based on knowing two Beings. The only true God and His Son Jesus Christ. Of course, to know God means much more than to intellectually know His identity. It means having a relationship with Him; and knowing who he is, is part of the process.

How can eternal life be based on knowing and having a relationship with a mystery? This does not make sense at all.

These studies are not an attempt to explain the nature of God. His nature is beyond our comprehension.

How can a finite being understand and explain the nature of his creator? The bible does not reveal it.

But the bible does reveal the identity of our God. God's identity is not a mystery. And this series of studies is dealing purely with God's identity, not His nature.

Back in the days of the apostles, when pagans and idol worshipers, received the gospel, they received the knowledge of who the true God is, and worshipped the true God. They were never taught that God is a mystery.

In one of his letters, Paul commended the Thessalonians for reports he and other apostles had heard about them. He wrote:

*“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10*

When the heathen decided to worship God, as a result of Paul’s preaching, they understood who the God of the Bible was. They knew the God of the Bible, the *living and true God*, had a *Son called Jesus*, and they were waiting for His son. Hence, they understood that the God of the Bible is God the Father.

Contextually, Paul said the believers in Thessalonica were preaching the word to others in many places (1 Thessalonians 1:8). The point is that these people heard the gospel from Paul and they shared what they heard with many others. The news found its way back to Paul.

Based on the reports the apostle heard from others about the Thessalonians, he wrote this first letter to them.

In other words, those who heard what the Thessalonians taught, understood that the God they needed to turn to and worship is God the Father and that Jesus is the Son of God.

This message was delivered from Jesus to Paul (Galatians 1:12), from Paul to the Thessalonians, from the Thessalonians to Macedonia, Achaia, and everywhere. The news found its way back to Paul. All along the message maintained its precision and uniqueness. A crucial part of this message was the identity of God. After all, that is what Paul highlighted in regard to the reports he had heard. Here it is again:

*“... how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus ...” 1 Thess 1:9,10*

Paul, and all who were taught by him, knew the identity of the God of the Bible. They were not confused; they did not worship a mystery.

The identity of the God of the bible is not a mystery. It is clearly revealed in the bible.

However, the God worshipped in Christianity today is a mystery. The trinity is a mystery. In almost all the theological explanations one reads about the trinity, regardless which denomination it is coming from he will find the word “Mystery” tagged to the explanation.

When people object saying “the godhead is a mystery we cannot know it.” In a way they are right in that their god, the trinity, is a mystery. But not the God of the bible.

The God of the bible has been revealed by His Son Jesus Christ, and is not a mystery.

In light of this, it is very interesting that in the book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, we read about two women, one pure (Revelation 12) and the other corrupt (Revelation 17). Of course, the pure woman represents God's faithful people, while the corrupt harlot represents the apostate people, or corrupt Christians.

God's faithful people in the last days found in Revelation 7 are represented as the 144,000. In Chapter 14, something interesting is said about them:

*"And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads." Revelation 14:1 (American Standard Version)*

The frontal lobe is found in the forehead. It is the part of the brain with which you think and make decisions; hence, the place in which you make decisions relating to God and worship. In the last days God's people have the Father's name, and Jesus' name written on their forehead symbolizing their allegiance and worship to the Father and His Son. They know who they worship and in whom they have believed.

On the other hand, consider what is written on the corrupt woman's forehead:

*"... and upon her forehead a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 17:5*

This woman, symbolizing apostate Christians, worships or believes in a mystery. The word "*Mystery*" is written in her mind, instead of the names of the Father and His Son.

This is very interesting in light of what is happening today. Paul and all who heard his message knew who their God was. They believed in God and waited for His Son from heaven. Today's Christians are confused about who they worship. The god they worship is enshrouded in mystery that no man can understand or comprehend.

If you believe we are living in the last days, as we surely are, then these things ought to concern you. God revealed this issue to us in the book of Revelation for a reason. He is not willing that any should perish. He wants to have a genuine and close relationship with you. He knows you and wants you to know Him, hence His revelation in the Scriptures. Please remember, we are not talking about the nature of God, we are only talking about the *identity* of God. The aim of these lessons is to answer the question "Who is God?" not "What is God?"

To maintain the belief that the Godhead is a mystery, you must believe that Jesus and His apostles failed in their mission. Jesus came to reveal and to help us know the only true God. In light of this, as followers of Jesus how can we say that our God is a Mystery?

In the last days there will be two groups of people, one knowing who their God is and the other worshipping a mystery. This thought ought to make you stop and think. Who do you worship? Do you worship a mystery? Or do you worship the God that Jesus and the apostles worshiped?

In light of this confusion God said would happen in the last days, the bible tells us that God will send a message, called the first angels' message, in which believers are called back to worshipping the true God. Consider:

*“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,” Rev 14:6*

*“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Rev 14:7*

God sends a message calling people to worship Him. In this verse who is mentioned and who is the God we are to worship?

To witness this confusion, attend any church and ask “who is Rev 14:7 talking about? Who is the God we are to worship?” You will get varied answers like:

1. The Father
2. Jesus
3. God in heaven
4. The trinity
5. And some will say, why are you causing problems by asking this question. It is not important to answer it correctly.

God has sent a message in these last days to reveal Satan's confusion in the church and to turn the hearts of His people back to the worship of the one true God. Many have rejected this knowledge because they are content with a mystery they do not understand.

Through Hosea God said to His people:

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”  
Hosea 4:6*

Today's Christians are making the same mistake by refusing to study the scriptures in order to know who their God is. The identity of the God of the bible is not a mystery, you can know who He is and know him. Jesus came to reveal God to us and He did not fail in His mission.

The idea that God is a mystery as taught by the harlot of Revelation 17 has no place amongst God's people.

Any religious system that adopts a mystery god, has been influenced and corrupted by the harlot of Revelation 17.

Do not be afraid to look into this topic. If you have the truth, you have nothing to fear.

Go through these studies and compare them with the bible. God will give you the wisdom and courage to live this truth.